

SUMMARY OF THE WEEK'S NEWS

At the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County, the following resolution of the Lake Worth drainage committee was adopted, which means that an arrangement will be made with the Lake Worth Dredging and Construction Company to throw up the new county road proposed to be built across Clear Lakes to connect with the old Government road.

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Green Cove Springs is taking on some city airs. For two years or more there the city has had telephone lines to all the turpentine stills and connections made with the hotels, stores, and railroad station, also in some few private residences, but now through the perseverance and untiring efforts of R. W. Mattox together with many able assistants a new line is being erected. The poles are set and the wire stretched on the main street, and with the work progressing as rapidly as possible, soon almost every house in town will be connected in this way. Not only will this great achievement be a convenience to the people of Green Cove Springs, but connection will be made with all the nearby towns, and best of all, with Jacksonville. The citizens are elated over this new innovation, as also over the marked improvements made to the famous white sulphur springs located in the heart of the city. The early prospects of a large new modern hotel on the site of the Clarendon Hotel is also giving Green Cove Springites much joy and satisfaction.

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The Big Fair at Tampa is the great success as intended and planned by its enthusiasts and promoters, and the attendance is all that was expected. Jacksonville Day, this week, was one of the red letter days, and there was a splendid representation of Jacksonville people. The exhibits made by the counties represented are not only most excellent, but elaborate and replete, while there are attractions too numerous to mention. The enterprise of the citizens of Tampa in presenting so complete a fair is not only most commendable, but deserves the highest praise and laudation, especially so as the event of last year was a financial success—the first ever recorded in the history of fairs held in Florida. That this year's event will be another financial success goes almost without saying, for the whole management has been along sound and healthful lines of economy with no suggestion of stint apparent anywhere. In fact, there is an air of wholesomeness and completeness apparent everywhere. THE SUN wishes Tampa a most prosperous and happy Fair season this year, and not only a repetition of the same next year, but even more glorious, brilliant and greater financial success.

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A list of the names of 112 persons who are insured for \$100,000 or more in the Equitable Life Assurance Society, has been published, the list being that of those men eligible as Equitable directors. Florida is only represented by one man, F. C. Brent of Pensacola. The next annual election of directors will be held December 6, at which time there will be a vote for thirteen directors, seven of whom will be from the policy-holders of the society. While the theory of mutualization by electing thirteen directors each year, seven of whom are to represent policy-holders and six to be elected by the stockholders, would seem to be a fair way to bring about the conditions for which the policy-holders have striven, it is now evident that the end sought has been defeated by the very method which has been adopted to bring it about.

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Prince Louis of Battenberg, the Sailor Prince, who came, saw and conquered, has gone. When he went New York showed what it could do in the way of a noisy farewell, the formal farewell coming from the Government by the big guns sounding out salutes. He had no adjectives left to describe American hospitality and paid glowing tribute to American women. His "gambol" with the lambs at their club rooms was one of his most enjoyable experiences. The Prince also had another experience which probably appealed to him differently when he had five sessions in all with a New York city dentist which cost him \$1,000. This royal bill, at the rate of \$200 per visit, was paid without protest. The last heard from Prince Louis was a wireless which said: "The Rear Admiral commanding, captains, officers and men of the British squadron, now regretfully on its

way to Europe, desire to express their most cordial thanks to all those who by their warm welcome and splendid hospitality have contributed toward making the stay of the squadron in American waters truly delightful."

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In the canvass of votes Hearst's gains are but slight. His net gain in the first eight Assembly districts in which the comparisons of tally sheets with returns have been completed, is less than 200 votes, and these are Tammany districts, in which frauds in counting were to be expected. His counsel feel the only hope to demonstrate his election lies in an application to open the ballot boxes for a recount. It is possible that Mr. Hearst's counsel will make such an application to the courts this week.

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Another American girl has become a Countess. The fortunate girl, in the eyes of her friends, is Countess Karl von Holstein, nee Miss Mildred Harrison, of Philadelphia. A highly pleasing feature is that, after a honeymoon tour of the world, the Count and Countess will reside in California. The bridegroom belongs to an old Bavarian Protestant family, which dates back to 1481. He is a tall, attractive-looking man of blonde type and a good conversationalist. He is engaged in the sugar refining business in San Francisco, the same business in which the Harrisons made their fortune. He also has estates in Bavaria and has traveled extensively over the world.

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Lord Curzon of Kedleston, late Viceroy of India, contends that in sacrificing himself to certain principles he had the great preponderance of Indian opinion behind him. He resigned, he said, not on personal grounds, but in defence of two great principles—first, that there should be an indestructible subordination of the military to the civil authority, and, second, the necessity of paying becoming regard to the Indian authority in determining the needs of India. Lord Curzon, who gave his reasons for resignation at a recent dinner given in his honor at Bombay, made some frank avowals. The post of Viceroy had been the dream of his childhood and the ambition of his manhood. He predicted that should the day ever come when the Viceroy would be treated as the mere puppet of the home government, the justification for the post would cease to exist. He said he did not believe that the administrative wisdom of his countrymen would ever tolerate such a blunder.

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Because the court declined to order her husband to pay more than \$5 a week for the support of the mother and her six children, Mrs. William D. Lerch, of Reading, Pa., abandoned her children in the court room. She made the remark that there was a lot of talk by the President and the press as to the blessings of big families, but that in her case it had been a curse. "Although it breaks my heart," said Mrs. Lerch, "to part with my children, I'd rather their father have them than that they should be worse than half-fed and half-clothed on \$5 a week."

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Josef Hoffman, the pianist and celebrated for years as the boy virtuoso, was quietly married last week, at Aix-les-Bains, the bride being Mrs. Marie Eustis, a niece of the late Senator Eustis.

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The Norwegian Parliament has, by vote, appropriated \$200,000 annually for the new King's civil list.

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With a dinner and musicale, given Friday of last week by President and Mrs. Roosevelt, with the Russian Ambassador and Baroness Rosen as the principal guests, the Washington social season was formally opened.

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To-day is the date for the State entry into Christianity of the new King and Queen of Norway, Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark. Great preparations have been made for the event, and the welcome will be most popular. The final result of the plebiscite shows that 259,563 votes were cast in favor of Prince Charles and 69,264 against him.

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What arms and diplomacy on the part of the Canadian Government have failed to accomplish, the drought and weather conditions prevailing in northern Montana succeeded in compelling Chief Little Bear and his rebellious bunch of Crees to submit to the will of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs at Ottawa. The chief and his band of less than 300 members are now on their return to their native lands at Onion Lake, Canada.

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New York women have organized to rescue child wives in India, where girls are married at six years of age. Branches of the Indo-American Woman's Restoration League are being formed everywhere and when sufficiently organized the league will, assisted

with the favor of the British Government, form and present a bill which will raise the legal age of marriage to sixteen years. Mrs. C. P. Wallace, of Los Angeles, founder of the league, says that it is IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT CHILD marriage, and that while Africa is called the Dark Continent, the darkness of Africa is as nothing to that of India.

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Miss Helen Gould, always interested in industrial school work and practical, helpful charity, is spending money lavishly at the Home for the Friendless bazaar.

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At Lincoln, Neb., Judge Gilchrist decided that Lewis Gordon, a teacher, was legally right to confiscate and burn yellow novels when found in the desk or on the person of a girl pupil. The court held the novels were worthless and refused to give judgment against the teacher.

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Rome is reticent on the parting of Church and State in France. The Holy See keeps on preaching prudence and waiting.

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Atlanta, Ga., has been chosen as the Southern headquarters of the National Child Labor committee, the new office to be in charge of Dr. A. J. McKelway. Child labor laws not only lack uniformity in the different States, but nearly all are poorly enforced. It is estimated that at least two million children under sixteen years of age in the United States are employed for wages, most of whom should be at school.

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To try a new way to the North Pole will be made June next in a dash for that coveted point of this hemisphere. The promoter is a French scientist and explorer, D. Anthony Variele. Experiments will be made all winter for the dash in June, the plan being to start at Grantland overland by ice to the Pole, continuing 600 miles to Fraz Josef Land, ships to be used at each end and wireless communication maintained throughout the trip. Backed by wealthy men, the trip will require 130 days.

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Two interesting men who have recently attained prominence are William H. Berry, who is expected to lift the lid in Pennsylvania, and J. B. Moran, who is expected to keep it down in Boston. State Treasurer Berry, when asked what his policy would be, declared: "I am going to lift the lid off the box and see what's in it." Mr. Berry has an established reputation for ABSOLUTE HONESTY and a life-long freedom from bosses. John Brown Moran has the sobriquet of "Boston's Jerome." As district attorney he intends "to find out if Boston wants to punish grafters."

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This week the third season of grand opera under the management of Heinrich Conried, opened most auspiciously. Berta Morena, a new prima donna, will appear as Brunhilde. Mme. Morena is a dramatic soprano who is to supply the place left vacant by Mme. Ternina.

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Mme. Sarah Bernhardt is in America on her farewell tour, her engagement opening in Chicago. Her repertoire includes ten plays. Mme. Bernhardt is said to be as angry as the Cubans over what she asserts is a misquotation of a remark to a Southern interviewer on her way back from that island some seasons ago. She was said to have stated that the Cubans were "only a lot of dressed-up niggers," and when a Havana season was planned for her this winter, ominous rumblings and threats of violence or boycott were heard. So Cuba will never see Bernhardt more.

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This week, or more specifically, Tuesday, November 21, Mrs. Hetty Green, the wealthiest woman in America, reached the age of seventy years. She is still a very busy woman with directors' meetings, business meetings and engagements to occupy nearly every moment of her time. Mrs. Green has also finished her forty-first year in active business life, during which time she has increased many fold the large fortune left to her by her father.

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An opposition party has formed in Russia, the Zemstovists being by no means united as to their attitude toward the new Government. In Odessa disorder is momentarily feared. The British consul has demanded passports for the entire colony and other foreigners who are prepared to flee. A delegation of twenty-four prominent Poles is now in St. Petersburg to plead the cause of Poland. The delegation which repudiates all idea of separation or revolt, which means that Poland stands by Count Witte, is representative of all parties, except the Socialistic, of Poland, and includes members of the Evangelical, Hebrew and Catholic Churches.